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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE

March 7, 2003

Re: Our File: 11782-01
Invention: A NEW PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR RAPID AND
HOMOGENEOUS MIXING OF FLUIDS IN CONTINUOUS
OPERATIONS
Application No.: 09/283,198
Filed: April 1, 1999
Country: United States
Inventor: Fielder et al.
Examiner: David L. Sorkin
Art Unit: 1723
Due Date: March 11, 2003

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
WASHINGTON, D.C.
U.S.A. 20231

Dear Sirs:

Applicant respectfully acknowledges receipt of office action dated December 11, 2003 and responds as follows:

Withdraw the request to delete Dr.-Ing. H. E. Fiedler as the inventor

The applicant withdraws the request to delete Dr.-Ing. H. E. Fiedler as the inventor. Instead, the applicant applies to delete Dr.-Ing Fiedler from the ownership or assignment for the patent. A copy of corresponding application from Ms. Margrit Fiedler is included (The original one was sent directly from Ms. Margrit Fiedler to The United States Patents and Trademarks Office around August of 2001).

Amendment to Claims

Applicant respectfully requests amendment to the following claims without the addition of new subject matter. Deletions therefrom are shown in square parentheses while additions thereto are underlined.